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PREVENTION OF PIRACY.

THE PROPOSED PASSENGER DEPOT.

Detail of Mr. Sutherland's Scheme.

We have received from the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce a most interesting document, drawn up by Mr. R. Sutherland, giving a detailed report on his proposed passenger depot for river steamers, which, if adopted, would, it is believed, materially help towards the prevention of piracy. This report has been supplied to the Chamber by Mr. Sutherland and it is accompanied by sketches prepared by Mr. Sutherland's drawings by Mr. L. G. Birt.

In the course of his report, Mr. Sutherland states that this depot would take some time to build, perhaps a matter of 18 months, but he says the sooner it is completed, the sooner will it be completed, and it will have the effect of settling an example to other places, such as Canton, where in course of time it might be possible for the authorities to arrange similar berthing facilities.

One of the sketches shows the depot projected from the Praya, in the vicinity of Des Voeux Road, but Mr. Sutherland says this is merely a suggested site. The Praya he says, would admittedly be the most suitable place, and he thinks it should be projected somewhere adjacent to the new ferry pier which the Government has under consideration.

THE GENERAL IDEA.

After stating that provision is made for a concrete wall some six feet high surmounted by railing, entirely closing the land side of the depot, entrance only being possible through entrance gates, Mr. Sutherland says, "The general idea is to build piers, each of which will give three berths for steamers. The outer berth will accommodate a steamer 300 feet long and the side berths somewhat smaller vessels. The length of vessels running to Canton at the moment is about 250-300 feet and to West River ports and Kowloon 190-250 feet. It is suggested that the steamers would load at their ordinary piers, and would proceed up to a berth assigned to them at an appointed time to embark passengers. Arriving at the berth, the crew would be mustered on the upper deck, the ship thoroughly searched for possible stowaways, and the crews' quarters gone through with a view to possible smuggled arms. Some hours or so before the allotted time of departure, the passengers would congregate in rooms within the depot. After examination, they would pass down on to the ship alongside their particular rooms, and the vessel immediately proceed to her destination.

"One of the advantages, to my mind, of this scheme of building," says Mr. Sutherland, "is that the Colony would not have to invest money in development which may not be required for some time to come, inasmuch as piers can be added as required for the expansion of trade. At the present moment the numbers of passenger river steamers arriving and leaving per diem are as follows:—Arrivals, 8; departures, 7; and the numbers of passengers as given by the Harbour Office are:—Arrivals, 2,600; departures, 2,577; or say 5,200 in all. It then becomes merely a question of how many berths should be recommended, if it is agreed to erect the depot: roughly speaking, we should allow for 10,000 passengers."

THE BUOYED AREA.

Mr. Sutherland gives a sketch of a buoyed area which is marked out to 1,000 feet, and he suggests that this be made an entirely prohibited area for traffic both by day and night. This is a matter, however, which would have to be thoroughly gone into with the Harbour Authorities, but without a prohibited area the whole scheme would be useless. It would like-

wise allow steamers arriving and departing to come up and swing, and so greatly facilitate their berthing at the depot. Each building would be equipped with signals effective both by day and night in order to signify what Company's steamer was to come alongside, and what berth she was to take up. The scheme allows for a small police jetty and quarters, where, Mr. Sutherland considers, a berth for the fire boat might be reserved and possibly, on the other side, accommodation for the new rescue tug.

PLAN OF OPERATION.

Regarding the plan of operation, Mr. Sutherland says in the first place, passengers leaving for a certain steamer would be advised by the boarding house keepers and rimmers and by sign-illumination or otherwise, of what examination room to proceed to; they could come an hour or two hours if necessary before the departure of the vessel. Two rooms on the right and left would accommodate 500 people each, and the outer room 100. These numbers represent the sitting accommodation of the rooms, and in front of each seat, is arranged a low platform, some two feet high, on which each passenger would deposit his hand baggage. Within this well-lit room, inspectors would walk along, open the packages, thoroughly examine them, search the passengers and let them pass out on to the steamer for which they are destined. At the corners of each pier grilles are provided so as to entirely isolate the berth from other rooms, so there could be no possible confusion with regard to passengers going on the wrong vessels.

HEAVY BAGGAGE.

Regarding heavy baggage, Mr. Sutherland says this could be sent on ahead, as is done by Europeans when travelling, stacked together, properly labelled and examined in the same way as is done in most parts of the world; it could then be transferred to the steamer and locked up in properly arranged baggage rooms.

ELSEWHERE IN HIS REPORT.

Elsewhere in his report, Mr. Sutherland says: "Should it be decided to erect the depot on the Praya it will, of course, take up sites where private piers are now situated and to get over this difficulty the Government would have to erect Government piers at some other portion of the Praya for the use of Companies which have had to give way in the interests of the public generally. This, again, becomes a matter of arrangement calling for a certain amount of give and take on both sides."

A HEALTH MATTER.

In another part of his report Mr. Sutherland says: "Apart from piracy, it has got to be remembered that the depot would play a very important part in the health of the Colony, inasmuch as it will provide an excellent opportunity for medical inspection of the greater bulk of the passengers arriving from Canton. At present, for instance, there is a small-pox epidemic in Canton, and so far as my knowledge goes, thousands of passengers are arriving in this Colony every day without any medical inspection whatsoever, and it would seem that Hongkong opens its doors to all and sundry, who, as they are afflicted with disease, of the Colony's shipping business."

EUROPEAN MISSING.

NOT SEEN FOR A WEEK.

It has been reported to the police by Mr. J. M. Shroff, of the China Sun Motion Picture Company, that Tom Callahan, a European employed at their studio at Causeway Bay, has been missing for a week. Callahan is described as short and stout, and his age is 48 years.

Enquiries with the Sun Motion Picture Company showed that Callahan had only been employed for a couple of months as a general help at the studio of the Company. Nothing was known about him, except that when applying for the position he said he came from the motion pictures city of Los Angeles. He came out East with a circus, staying with it until disembarkment at Manila, when he came to Hongkong.

Some days previous to his disappearance, Callahan took away his personal belongings which he had left in the studio, saying, as he did so, that he had found comfortable quarters elsewhere. As six days had passed without any sign of him, the Manager became anxious and reported his disappearance to the police yesterday.

"THE WEEK-END PAPER."

GET TO-MORROW'S "TELEGRAPH."

Commencing with to-morrow, the Telegraph issue on Saturdays will in future comprise twenty pages. With various features of local and general interest, it will therefore prove to be the ideal newspaper for week-end reading.

A new departure beginning to-morrow is a special feature section of four pages. This will include illustrated articles: a page of comic pictures for the kiddies; a fashion page for ladies; and a further page devoted to radio matters. On the comic page there will be five funny strips, which will include three which are new to Hongkong—"Adam and Eva," "Boots and Her Buddies" and "Momm' Pop." This week's ladies' page will include a special fashion drawing from the pen of Julie Marot, the Parisian fashion artist, one of whose sketches will appear every Saturday in the Telegraph in future.

Our local Picture Page to-morrow will include a group of the Bishops and delegates to the General Church Synod in Canton; pictures of Queen's College sports; a photograph taken at the wedding of Mr. A. W. Roberts and Miss Panchon; and a group of the staff of the Diocesan Boys' School. This week's "Cartoon" will be hit off by Sir James Barrie.

Our Motoring Supplement will contain much of interest, including notes on local topics.

Make a point of securing a copy of to-morrow's Telegraph—the week-end paper.

or otherwise. This, in itself, calls for the gravest consideration, and it is generally thought that we must regard small-pox as being one of the epidemics inseparable from China at least for many years to come.

There are very many interesting observations on the general piracy question in the course of Mr. Sutherland's report, for which we have not space to-day, and in closing this summary we will content ourselves with the following interesting excerpt:—"It may be thought by some that the present piracy epidemic is but a passing phase and that there is no call for permanent preventative measures such as suggested. In this I am not in agreement, as I think that a general change in Chinese mentality generally calls for regulations and restrictions which were not necessary some 10 or 20 years ago. Apart from this consideration, however, I am strongly of opinion that the depot will be a valuable asset to one of the chief branches of the Colony's shipping business."

TRAFFIC TANGLE.

NEW HONGKONG REGULATIONS.

BROKERS' RICKSHAS AFFECTED.

Some drastic changes in the present traffic regulations were forecasted in an interview which a Telegraph representative had with the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Captain Superintendent of Police, yesterday. The matter has now been, under consideration for several months, and the principal regulations to be applied under the new scheme have already been drafted and will be laid before the Governor for His Excellency's approval shortly.

It is sought, under the new scheme, to relieve a great deal of the congestion that now occurs in the two principal arteries of the city, namely Queen's Road and Des Voeux Road, by a greater control over chairs and rickshas. Much of the congestion in the past has been found to be due to obstruction from these sources, and an effort will now be made to regulate chairs as far as possible to the slopes and rickshas to the side-streets. Restrictions as regards rickshas are already being enforced, but it has been found that the steps already taken have not solved the problem of traffic congestion. True the number of rickshas has been curtailed and fines have been imposed on pullers and not amenable to the requirements, but the position has not materially improved.

KEEP MOVING.

The new policy, states Mr. Wolfe, aims at keeping all vehicles moving along the two main arteries, and it is proposed to bring this about by an extension of the regulations to private rickshas. In the past, rickshas kept in attendance outside shops and offices have considerably caused a deal of congestion, and under the additional powers now being asked for by the Traffic Department, it will be required that private as well as public rickshas shall not remain at the side-channel waiting for their fares to come out of the shops or offices, but shall be taken to the nearest side-street, and there joined by the passenger when required.

The whole length of Queen's Road and Des Voeux Road will be brought under the new regulations.

BROKERS TO COMPLY.

Our representative enquired whether this new ruling will be applied to brokers' rickshas, and was informed by the C.S.P. that this matter has already been considered, and it is proposed that they should be made to comply with the new regulations. When the new regulations come into force, brokers' rickshas will have to go up the side streets when waiting for their owners. It will not, says Mr. Wolfe, mean much effort for the brokers to go, say to Duddell Street or Wardley Street, which is only a short distance away, for their rickshas, and they certainly have no need of their rickshas when going, for instance, from the Chartered Bank to the International Bank, stated Mr. Wolfe.

That part of Ice House Street, popularly known as "Brokers' Alley" will have only a limited number of rickshas kept in attendance, and some endeavour will be made to relieve the congestion at this point.

FEWER CHAIR STANDS.

All chairs will, as far as possible, be kept on the slopes. A start has been made in Paddar Street, and gradually the stands for chairs will be confined to only two points, those opposite the Star Ferry Pier and Blake Pier respectively. Consideration is to be given to the fact that passengers from ferries, and launches may want to engage chairs at these two points in rainy weather if taxis are not available. The chair stand in Chater Road will have to go too, it was indicated by Mr. Wolfe.

SHANGHAI DISASTER.

NEWSPAPER BUILDING GUTTED.

FOUR MILLION TAELS DAMAGE.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, March 27.

A big godown belonging to E. Shamoon, import and export merchants, containing the Shanghai Times plant, also silk and tea warehouses, was totally destroyed by fire to-night. Several foreign and Chinese firemen were overcome by smoke and injured by falling masonry.

The damage may run into five million taels.

Shanghai, March 27.

The Shanghai Times building was completely gutted by fire this evening.

The upper part of the building, used as a godown, contained silk valued at three million taels.

The total damage is estimated at four million taels.—Reuter.

"CHINA PONY."

TIENSIN RACE CLUB DECISION.

Tientsin, March 27.

At a meeting of the Tientsin Race Club, held this evening, a resolution was passed instructing the Inspection Committee to interpret the "type of pony not customarily bred in China, Mongolia and Manchuria" in a restrictive manner, and rigidly exclude all animals showing any trace of cross-breeding with horses, thus making a bye law similar to the one recently passed at Shanghai, but with this difference, that, "in a case of doubt a two-thirds majority must favour passing the pony before it is eligible to race."

The new law is to be enforced at the forthcoming spring meeting.—Daily Bulletin.

EAST RIVER FRONT.

THE FIGHTING BEGINS.

A report from Shikang states that fighting has commenced on the right and left wings on the East River front, and that the Hunanese forces fighting for Dr. Sun Yat-sen were repulsed.

Owing to the renewed activity on this front, the commandeering of coolies is again in full swing in Canton. On this occasion, the work is being directed by the police, instead of the troops, and only those of the working class are being seized.

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE.

"We Must Look to Ourselves."

Melbourne, March 27.

In the House of Representatives Mr. Bruce reviewed the work of the Imperial Conferences, and emphasised Australia's determination to have a voice in framing foreign policy while remaining within the Empire. He considered it incomprehensible that some members should regard the Singapore base as unnecessary. He himself was convinced that abandonment of the base would seriously prejudice peace, whilst its construction would strengthen the League of Nations. He was confident the House of Commons would ultimately give a decision based on the needs of the whole Empire.

The Commonwealth Government, however, did not intend to take alternative action towards the provision of a naval base, although if the MacDonald Government's views were not modified it would be necessary for the Australian Government to consider action to provide what he believed would be absolutely vital and essential. "If we cannot look to Britain we must look to ourselves."—Reuter.

FRENCH POLICY QUESTIONED.

PREMIER'S REPLY TO MR. ASQUITH.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 27.

Mr. Asquith in the House of Commons asked for information as to the situation in West Europe, especially regarding the reports of French organisations energetically perfecting a system of local agreements which will convert the occupied territories into a special reparations preserve, by methods which will practically ruin the industries concerned and seriously impair Germany's power to stabilise her currency. He expressed disquietude lest the administration of the Saar be exercising arbitrary powers unknown in democratic countries.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, replying, said the British Government after investigation, had come to the conclusion that the agreements hitherto concluded by French and Belgian industrial organisations in the Ruhr and Rhineland and German industrialists did not conflict with the Peace Treaty or the reparations settlement. There had been, indeed, attempts to make these agreements an occasion for redistribution of reparations settlements, as to which the Government had hitherto successfully protested, and would continue to protest. The British Government had insisted that the commissions and committees established under the Treaty of Versailles should strictly confine themselves to their constitutional functions, including particularly those of the Saar Palatinates.

Continuing, Mr. MacDonald said the difficulties of the Palatinates were especially great on account of separatist movements supported not merely from inside, but from outside. (Liberal cheers.)

Passing to the question of security, Mr. MacDonald emphasised the conviction that France would never get security by special pacts. The British Government aimed at securing a moral guarantee by a body like the League of Nations, but certain things must first be done. The question of reparations must be settled. The problem of security, in the event of a full agreement on reparations, presented very slight difficulties, but would be very grave if there were merely an agreement between the Allies and a sulky Germany. The Allies, the Premier continued, must make up their minds that Germany is bound to enter the League of Nations. (Ministerial cheers.)

If the difficulties due to the occupation of the Ruhr be cleared up, then he would like to see an invitation, signed by France, America, Italy and Britain, to all the nations of the world, to consider the whole question of disarmament. That was no mere dream, because there was a stronger body of men in responsible positions all over the world than ever before, who were anxious to support any Government which was working to that end.

He concluded by declaring that he was very anxious to have the question of Jubaland and the Dodecanese settled, in order to remove the cause of Anglo-Italian irritation.

Mr. Lloyd George complained of the vagueness of Mr. MacDonald's statement, and drew attention to M. Poincare's declaration that French troops are to remain in the Rhineland until reparations be discharged. He declared that if the experts recommended a reduction of the assessment against Germany, an abatement should be made all round. He concluded, that no people on earth gave away less for sentiment than the French.

Mr. Ponsonby, referring to the proposal to call an international disarmament conference, said the Government had such in view, but it did not signify much whether it were called by one or two Powers, or by the League.

(Other Telegrams on Page 2.)

INTERNATIONAL "RUGGER."

GREAT STRUGGLE ON MARSHY GROUND.

Victory for Wales.

Paris, March 27.

In a "rigger" match in heavy rain, before thirty thousand spectators, Wales beat France by 10 points to 6.

There was a continuous down-pour, and the light was very poor. The Frenchmen held their own in the first half, but were handicapped by the marsh-like ground after the interval, and never looked like scoring.

After a quarter of an hour, Griffiths got the ball from a line out and dropped a beautiful goal. Then Jauregui secured in mid-field and sent Beheteguy over, for an unconverted try for France. Following a Welsh forward rush, Joe Jones secured an unconverted try. Near the interval, Lubin scored a try for France. At half time Wales was leading by 7 points to 6.

On the resumption, the Welsh forwards pressed heavily, and after ten minutes Richards secured a try. Thereafter the Welsh pack dominated the game, and Wales eventually retired the victors, as stated, by ten points to their opponents' six.—Reuter.

TONGSHAN MINE DISASTER.

Tientsin, March 27.

Three miners have been rescued from the Tongshan mine.—Reuter.

FURTHER FUTILITY.

Nibbling At A Big Problem.

Washington, March 27.

Mr. Borah has lodged a resolution in the Senate calling upon the President to invite such nations as it is deemed wise to a combined economic disarmament conference at Washington, especially to consider the limitation of the size of submarines to ten thousand tons.—Reuter's American Service.

ON SECOND THOUGHTS.

M. Poincare Consents to Resume.

Paris, March 27.

M. Poincare has consented to re-form the Ministry.—Reuter.

SCOTTISH FOOTBALL.

London, March 26th.

In the Scottish League Aldrie and Queen's Park played a drawn game with two goals each. Hamilton defeated Falkirk by two goals to one.

In the Scottish Cup semi-final replay at Glasgow Aberdeen and Hibernians played a goalless draw.

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EVANGELIZATION SOCIETY.

HONGKONG AND NEW TERRITORIES ACTIVITY.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong and New Territories Evangelization Society was held on Wednesday last in the Lecture Hall of the Union Church. A good attendance of supporters, both European and Chinese, was present. Advantage was taken of the sun-line to serve tea in the pleasant compound of the Church. The subsequent meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. J. H. Johnson, after which the Chairman, the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, moved the adoption of the report and balance sheet. He referred to interesting features in the work of the past year, in particular to the ordination of the superintending Chinese evangelist, Mr. Li Shiu Kwan, to the full pastorate, a new and important departure which was likely to prove of much advantage to the work. The loss to the Society of its diligent secretary, Mr. W. W. Mackenzie, through his removal to Shanghai, was noted with regret. Seconded by Mr. C. C. Hickling, the adoption of the reports and accounts was duly carried.

The Chairman then moved the adoption of the new Constitution, explaining that its effect was to alter the basis of the Society from one of individual membership to a union of associated congregations with power to admit others. The change had been carefully considered by committee and adopted by the two churches so far concerned, namely the Union Church and the To Tai Church.

The motion was seconded by Mr. E. B. Cusby and unanimously carried.

The following appointments to the Controlling Body for the year, made by the respective churches, were confirmed: Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, Mr. Hickling, Messrs. J. L. Macpherson, R. L. Moeller, P. D. Wilson and J. H. Lamb. To To Tai Church: Rev. Cheung Chuk Ling, Mrs. Hob Shiu Lan, Miss H. Y. Yung, Messrs. Chan Cho Nam, Tsui Mo Chi and Yeung King Tak. Addresses dealing with the work in villages of the Territories and Islands were given by Mr. E. Harlow, Mrs. Holt, Rev. Li Shiu Kwan and C. L. Cheung, the Rev. Dr. Pearce acting, where necessary, as interpreter. Mr. Li, followed by Mrs. Ku Kwai Tak, the wife of the preacher at Castle Peak, emphasised the need of more biblewomen amongst the women and girls.

Votes of thanks brought a most successful meeting to a close.

BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP.

THE HIGHEST BREAK.

K. K. Leong at the Victoria Recreation Club last night scored the highest break recorded so far in the series of Championship matches. He was playing Major H. G. Gandy and quite early in the game got going and put on 69 by a fine exhibition of billiards. It was the first break of 60 in the match. Although Leong got such a good start, Major Gandy kept very close and when the 600 mark was reached there was very little between the two. After that, Leong put on 45, and was also credited with a number of smaller but useful breaks, which took him over a hundred ahead. In the meantime the Major could do little. Leong reached his 800 points whilst Major Gandy was at 687. The best breaks were as under: Leong: 69, 45, 38, 34, 30, 25, 23 (2), 21 (2). Gandy: 40, 35, 30, 25, 21, 20.

ROYAL ARTILLERY SPORTS.

FIRST DAYS RESULTS.

Commencing yesterday afternoon, the Royal Artillery athletic meeting will take two days to complete. The United Services ground at Kowloon is being used and is sufficiently spacious to hold a large number of spectators. Nineteen events were on the first day's programme, of which only nine were concluded, the remainder being in the nature of heats. Results of finals were as follows:—

Tug of War: 88 Company beat 81 Company.

220 yards (British): 1. Lieut. Sugden; 2. Lieut. Henslowe; 3. Gr. Hensworth.

Putting the Shot: 1. Bomdr. Lodge; 2. Bomdr. Stewart; 3. Bomdr. Barton.

High Jump: 1. Gr. Harris (4 feet, 10 inches); 2. Gr. Bradley; 3. Bomdr. Lodge.

Throwing Cricket Ball: 1. Gr. Browne (84 yards, 5 inches); 3. Gr. Hensworth; 3. Bomdr. Cleverley.

Sack race: 1. Bomdr. Barton; 2. Trumpeter Holland; 3. Bomdr. Cleverley.

Long Jump: 1. Gr. Luecock (17 feet, 4 inches); 2. Gr. Harris; 3. Gr. Bradley.

Royal Artillery Mile: 1. Gr. Newson (5 min. 22 sec.); 2. Gr. Billett; 3. Gr. Newman.

Boat Race: 1. 88 Company; 2. 88 Company.

The meeting will be continued to-day with a programme of 26 events, the first of which is timed for 2 p.m. Points won up to the present put 88 Company in the lead with 36, 94 Company next with 36, and 88 Company with 28. The R. A. Officers will present a cup to the competitor who is adjudged by the Committee to have done the best at the sports. Following are the officials: President: Lieut.-Colonel W. O. S. Sanders, D.S.O.

Vice Presidents: Major W. P. A. Hattersley Smith, D.S.O., Major P. Rashleigh, D.S.O., Major A. L. Cruickshank, D.S.O., Major E. S. Harford.

Judges: Captain G. Barrett, Lieut. E. S. Jones, Lieut. H. C. Gould, Lieut. H. S. Cotter, Subaltern Major Bhan Singh, Subaltern Naval Khan, D.C.M.

Starters: Captain C. J. F. Bently, Captain G. D. Meredith, Lieut. J. A. Parkes, Jumadar Piran Ditta, D.C.M.

Stewards: Mr. Gr. Wainwright, R. S. M. Cook, Mr. Gr. Taylor, B. S. M. Page, B. S. M. Hanson, B. S. M. Brice, D.C.M.

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Time Keepers: Captain W. A. Faussett, B. S. M. (I. G.) Godwin.

YACHTING.

TAI YUT CUP.

On Saturday last the Tai Yut cup was sailed for by nine of the racing yacht classes over a course of 12 miles, which took in Sai Wan, Fu Tau Chau and Channell rocks.

Adanae won on handicap, with Joan second.

On Sunday the race for the Commodore's and Vice Commodore's cups was sailed in a strong easterly wind. The course was via Tathong Rock, Kowloon Rock and Cust Rock, nearly 15 miles, and a very fine race resulted. U. and I. got a good start but was beaten by Azuma, which took the Commodore's cup. U. and I. won the Vice-Commodore's.

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BRITISH LEGION.

YESTERDAY'S ANNUAL MEETING.

Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird presided yesterday at the annual meeting of the Hongkong and China branch of the British Legion, when only nine members were present.

The Chairman, in presenting the report and accounts, said the balance sheet showed that cash in hand at the bank was \$2,170 and since the accounts had been closed they had received \$1,567 from Sir Paul Chater's fund and subscriptions amounting to \$73. They had therefore \$3,137 to their credit. It was gratifying to announce that there had been fewer applicants for relief and they hoped it was indicative of improvement of ex-service men here and elsewhere.

He commented on the success of Poppy Day when \$1,007 was collected and forwarded to Headquarters of the Legion. He read a letter from the Secretary of the Appeal Department, thanking him for their effort. This letter has already been published. He was sure they would agree that a hearty vote of thanks was due to Mr. D. L. Ralph, his sub-committee, the ladies who sold poppies and all who assisted on Poppy Day.

The membership of the Legion was now 119 and the Chairman hoped new members would join. He was sure there was a large number of ladies in the Colony eligible for membership. The Legion was open to all ladies who had done nursing, car driving, or other war work. It was with regret that he had to announce the resignation of the Hon. Secretary (Mr. R. E. Cable), and the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. W. J. Hawker) who were both going home. Their thanks were due to them and to the

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

MONEY FOR AMSTERDAM.

London, March 27. An issue has been arranged in London, to the City of Amsterdam, of a two to three million sterling loan at 5½%. The price is below par, and for fifty years' currency, redeemable by annual drawings at par, with the borrower's option to redeem wholly or partly after a decade. The loan is for the purpose of housing and extension of floating debt.—*Reuter.*

OBITUARY.

London, March 27. The death is announced of Sir Walter Parratt.—*Reuter.* [Sir Walter Parratt, K.C.V.O., was an eminent musician and composer. He had been Private Organist to Queen Victoria, besides having held many positions of distinction in the musical world. Born in Yorkshire in 1841, he was organist in several Northern churches before coming to London.]

CLOUDBURST IN ITALY.

Rome, March 27. About a hundred fatalities are reported, as the result of a cloudburst and landslide at Amalfi. All the tourists are believed to be safe. Houses, vineyards, and olive plantations were carried away, and a number of fishing boats sunk.—*Reuter.*

INTERNATIONAL CHESS.

New York, March 27. Tartakower and Edward Lasker drew. Alekhine defeated Reti. By defeating Reti, Alekhine ousted Doctor Lasker from the first position in the chess tournament. Doctor Lasker is now second, with Reti and Tartakower in a tie for third.—*Reuter's American Service.*

SIAMESE LOAN.

London, March 27. The subscription list for the Siamese loan opens to-day.—*Reuter.* Later. The Siamese loan is closed.—*Reuter.*

AROUND THE WORLD FLIGHT.

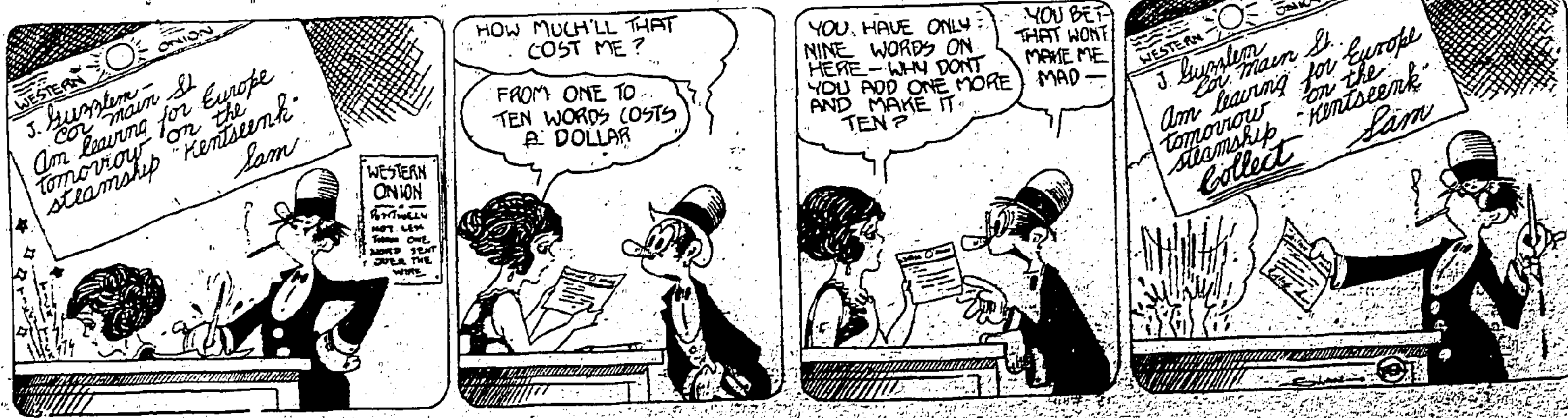
Lyons, March 27. The British airman MacLaren has proceeded to Rome.—*Reuter.*

Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe and Mr. A. James, Mr. F. C. Hall, Rev. Clouston Piercy for auditing the accounts. Porri and Mr. H. Glanville. Lt.-Col. The resolution was seconded by L. G. Bird was again elected president and Mr. F. C. Hall and Mr. R. E. Cable agreed to carry on the secretarial duties till a Hake, Mr. Hall Bruton, Mr. F. W. successor be appointed.

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WORLD REVOLUTION

Zinovieff's Disclosure of Intrigues.

At the 13th Conference of the Communist Party, recently held in Moscow, Zinovieff, Chairman of the Third International, made a long speech, which occupied two pages of the *Pravda*. This is the first time that a speech on the foreign policy of the Communist Party and of the Executive of the Third International has appeared in detail in the Soviet Press.

The speech was divided into two parts, the first dealing with questions of Soviet foreign policy and the second with the affairs of the Communist International. Zinovieff devoted a considerable portion of the first part of the speech to relations with Great Britain.

"What will MacDonald's Cabinet represent from the point of view of the development of the International Labour movement and the international revolution?" Zinovieff asked. "With regard to the 'top strata' and petty Parliamentary politicians," he said, it is of no great importance. But with regard to the mass Labour movement it will be an event of the utmost importance. You all remember how, at the Second Congress of the Communist International, Lenin advised the young British Communist Party to support the 'Menshevik' British Labour Party, to vote for its candidates, and help it to come into power at the earliest opportunity. You remember, too, how frankly Lenin explained (there is no need to make a secret of the fact) that we should support the British Labour Party, MacDonald's party, in the same way as the rope 'supports' the man who hangs himself." He said that the sooner they came to power the better, because their failure would become evident, and the illusions of British Labour be dispelled all the sooner, and the road cleared for the proletarian revolution.

"That moment is now approaching," British Labour, as a whole, interprets MacDonald's access to power, not as a mere Parliamentary change of Government, but as the advent to power of the working class, of the toilers. The average British worker looks upon this as the historical reversion of Labour; he believes that, with the advent of Labour, unemployment will cease, and pressure will be brought to bear on the rich. Such a point of view is dictated by class instinct. This comrades, is a fact of the greatest significance.

"LABOUR ARISTOCRACY." After discussing the history of the development of the British Labour movement and the 'British Labour aristocracy,' Zinovieff went on:

"MacDonald is a typical representative of the upper strata of the Labour class, that is to say, of the Labour aristocracy. Nevertheless, his advent to power in a country like England is an event of world-wide historical importance. This is not in Estonia or in Bulgaria, or even Germany; it is in Great Britain, whose bourgeoisie actually holds one-sixth of the universe under its sway. The importance of this event is not diminished by the fact that, for the time being, the Labour Government will become a farce, that MacDonald will certainly grovel on all fours before the opulent English bourgeoisie. Of course, the latter is playing its own political game and prompting MacDonald, to assume power, in the hope that the sooner he does so, the more surely he will be gobbled-up. Nevertheless, when so powerful and influential a bourgeoisie hands over the power to Labour, it may be assumed that is not done merely for the pleasure of making an 'experiment.' That is why the advent of Ramsay MacDonald to power marks a most important phase in the international Labour movement, a great advance towards the liberation of the British Labour class, and a mighty stride forward on the road towards the international revolution."

The second and greater part of the speech was devoted to the policy of the Communist International. Zinovieff dwelt in detail on the activities of that body in connection with the situation in Germany. Speaking of what happened in that country last autumn, he said:

"The party (meaning the Russian Communist Party) should have been urged to fight."

WHAT IS A SNOB?

Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch on Thackeray.

Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch, lecturing at Cambridge recently on Thackeray, said the denial of any authoritative biography of Thackeray—a clean-living English gentleman who might have walked up to the Recording Angel and claimed his dossier without a blush—had let in a flood of spurious reminiscences, anecdotes, sayings he most likely never uttered, or at least never uttered with intent to give pain.

If they wished to envisage Thackeray in the days of assured triumph, they must understand him as a desolated man. It would seem that the very anguish of the heart drove that soul, so domestic by instinct, into the waste of clubland. To understand his work they must understand just what kind of a man he was in his up-bringing and the way of his early friendships at Cambridge. When it was added that his gift for nursery folly was expended on a widowed and desolate home—on a home from which his heart drove him to flee, no matter how ambitious he rebuilt and adorned it, to scribble his novels on club paper or in hotel—they might get a little closer to understanding his generous but bitter and always sad heart.

No one who would understand Thackeray could afford to forget he was of Anglo-Indian stock. In any odd angle of this capital yet most insular life the isolation of the retired Anglo-Indian was horrible and fatal. Compared with it the sorrows of a British child 'sent home' were tragically insignificant. Anglo-Indians in retirement endlessly talked politics which had no basis save on that of a service population, not discoverable hereabouts; they shot in anecdote legendary or unfamiliar animals, and they were all quite certain that, if the Government would suppress agitators, it must do something for Reggie or Phil. Yet withal they were so noble, so simple in dignity.

Far astray from any path of progress as they might think him, insane as they might deem his demand to rule; grandiloquent his quotations from Kipling, or domestic his interest in his nephews, the Anglo-Indian had that key of salvation—loyalty. He was for England; and for that simple cause he (the lecturer) supposed no men or women that had never loved and suffered on earth had suffered more than those who lie now under the huddled gravel-stones of Calcutta.

Those who accused Thackeray of being a snob (even under his own definition) should in fairness lay their account that he came of people who, commanding many servants, supported the English tradition of rule and dominance in a foreign land. That he believed to explain Thackeray in greater measure than he had generally been explained or understood. Thackeray, a social delineator or nothing, never quite understood the roots of English life, or of the classes he chose to depict. The melancholy which ran through all his writings—the melancholy of Ecclesiastes, vanity of vanities, all is vanity—was drawn by origin from the weary shore of the Ganges and brought in the child's blood to them, over the sea.

realized that a moment had arrived in Germany which could not be regarded otherwise than as a moment for a revolution which would have a considerable chance of success. We, the Executive, are accused by some of having fixed the date of the German revolution, but I assert that this decision was left by us to the German Communist Party.

The next point is the events in Saxony, and this will bring us to the root of the dissensions within the German Party. We advocated the entry of members of the (Saxon) Communist Party into the Saxon Government in order to use it as jumping-off ground and organise the struggle for power. We expected that the Communist group in the Saxon and Thuringian Governments would insist on the immediate arming of 50,000 to 60,000 proletarians, and an attack on the Bavarian Fascists. Our German comrades had persuaded us that such a manoeuvre had a chance of success. The mistake was made by Radek. It was he who pulled back the German party by the coat-tails, when it should have been urged to fight."

ANIMAL MEMORIAL.

Sarcastic Criticism Of Scheme.

Many people, says a Home paper, are regarding with considerable astonishment the intention of the R. S. P. C. A. to spend £2,000 on the erection of a memorial (or cenotaph, as it has been called) to the birds, beasts and fishes that died in the service of the Empire during the war.

The point of view of the critics is that the whole thing savours of sentimentalism and that so large a sum as £2,000 could be employed much more profitably in other directions.

A responsible authority has made the following comments:

"This decision to erect an animals' cenotaph at Hyde Park corner is an admirable example of the lengths to which some people are prepared to go. If a few pounds were asked for on behalf of research into animal diseases the money might not be forthcoming, although the benefits of research work are incalculable. When it is suggested, however, that money is needed for a memorial of this type, £2,000 is quickly available.

"In my opinion, the *Evening Standard* was justified in asking why mosquitoes which were killed to prevent malaria have been forgotten. It is frankly amazing to find in the twentieth-century that there are people who feel it necessary to erect a memorial to the goldfishes that died under gas tests. What must be the feelings of parents who lost their only son in the war to reflect, on a sad anniversary, that a memorial has been erected to animals unknown even by name?

"It seems to me that a private individual with an affection for a pet has a perfect right to give it a private burial place but this memorial in a public place to a lot of birds, beasts, and fishes is absurd, and a waste of money. I know veterinary surgeons who are sickened daily by requests to attend to pet dogs, whose owners hope they will not suffer any pain, and offer to pay for night and day nurses and all sorts of other attentions. This goldfish memorial is quite in keeping with such curious conduct."

R. S. P. C. A. ATTITUDE.
When Captain E. C. Fairholme, chief secretary to the R.S.P.C.A., was asked about the protests that have been made he replied:

The money that is being spent was subscribed for a specific purpose, and therefore it cannot be used for any other. We were urged by a great many people to start such a fund, and the collection was definitely for the memorial. A memorial of a similar type was erected in South Africa after the Boer war, and we consider such a memorial here would be a lasting missionary on behalf of animals. I think that to have the memorial at Hyde Park corner, where we propose to put it, would be to provide a splendid reminder of what we owe to the animals.

Captain Fairholme was asked whether the memorial was to include birds, animals, and fishes. "It will be a general memorial," he replied, "to the animals killed in the war. As a matter of fact, goldfishes were used during the war for testing the water in which gas helmets were washed before those helmets were re-issued."

When Lady Iumb was asked for her opinion she replied that a memorial was a good idea, but she would prefer to see the money devoted to something more likely to benefit living animals. "I should like to see a new model dogs' home, for instance. We have many dogs' home, but none so good as the model ones of America and Australia. It is always better to work for the living than for the dead, and we ought to do all we can for dumb friends."

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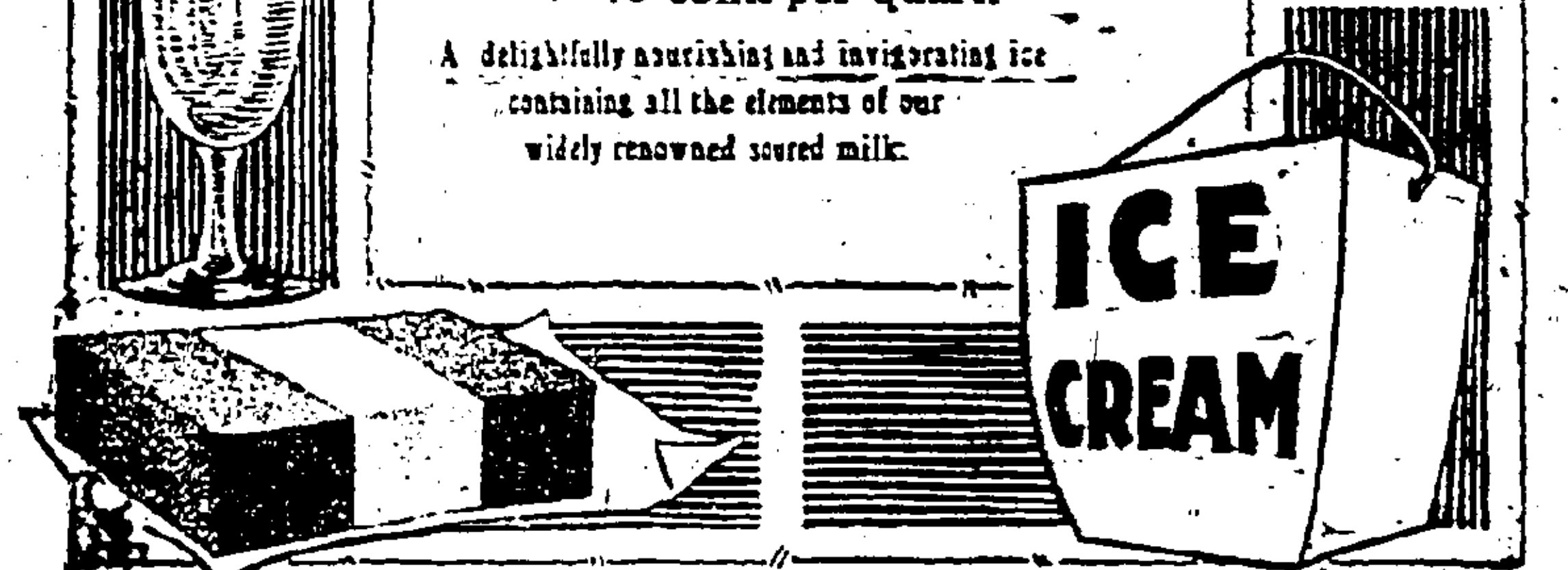
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In the Divorce Court last month before Mr. Justice Hill and a special jury, Brig-Gen. Reginald Francis Legge, petitioned for a divorce from his wife, Ross Eleanor Legge, on the ground of her alleged misconduct with William Landolf, a German-Swiss, formerly their manservant. The charges were denied.

Mrs. Legge asked for an adjournment of the case, as she said she had just given instructions to a solicitor; otherwise she would be without defence. This application was opposed by Sir Ellis Hume-Williams, K.C. (for the petitioner), who pointed out that the petition was presented in 1920. The judge ruled that the case must go on.

Sir Ellis Hume-Williams, opening the petitioner's case, said that his client made the acquaintance of the respondent on the pier at Brighton in the autumn of 1899. He was then a captain in the Army, and 26 years of age. A friendship was struck up, and they were secretly married at the Register Office at Brighton in March, 1900.

Almost immediately after that the petitioner had to return to his duties in Africa, where he remained until 1902, supporting his wife in the meantime.

THIRD CEREMONY.

On December 18, 1902, they went through a second form of marriage, this time at the Register Office at St. George's, Hanover-square. At that time the respondent's father was living. He was a Turk, a Mr. Paris. Her mother was a Circassian. He (counsel) thought that her father was born in Malta as a result of which she (the respondent) would be legally a British subject.

Mr. Paris was a Mohammedan and always objected very much to the respondent marrying a Christian, and apparently after they had gone through these two marriages according to English law, the petitioner in December, 1902, to please his wife, went through a Mohammedan form of marriage before a person who called himself the Sheikh of Islam for Great Britain. There had been four children of the marriage.

In 1902 this lady's extravagance was so marked that the petitioner had constantly to remonstrate with her. In 1903 they stayed at the Grand Hotel, London, but the manager requested them to leave, because the lady would scream and make such a noise. In 1907 she lost her temper, and hit her husband on the ear making him deaf, and he had to go to a specialist to be treated. In January, 1908, the lady's father died at San Remo, leaving the respondent £40,000. As far as he (counsel) knew she had spent all this in dresses and extravagances of all kinds.

A "VIOLENT SCENE." Sometime in 1917 the respondent engaged a man called Landolf, who was German-Swiss, as a servant. In July 1919 the petitioner had become a Brigadier-General for his splendid work done during the war. He had gained the D.S.O., and had been mentioned in despatches several times. He was one of the brilliant young men which the war produced. He was home on leave in 1919, when certain statements were made to him by his children.

He was much surprised at what they told him, and he taxed his wife on the facts which he had been told. There was a violent scene. The petitioner was very much astonished and surprised. He left the house at once and went to sleep at his club, the Junior Union Service.

On the next day he was out for a drive with two lady friends well known in society. The ladies accompanied him back to his club, and when they arrived there they found the respondent and Landolf waiting outside. As the petitioner got out of the car to go into the club this woman shouted out at the top of her voice: "General Legge coming here with two—"

Several members of the club heard it, and in order to get rid of her the petitioner bundled her into a taxi, and he and his wife and Landolf returned to Ashbourne-place, where the respondent was then living. The petitioner was very angry, and he told Landolf to get out, and began to turn him out. The wife interfered, and the police came up, and there was "a regular first-class row."

A policeman tried to act as peacemaker, but without success. The petitioner that night locked himself in the library and slept there. On July 14, at about three, the respondent came down and broke open the library door with a hatchet. After that they parted.

PETITIONER'S EVIDENCE.

Giving evidence, the petitioner said that when he first met the respondent at Brighton he was about 24 and she was four or five years younger.

Witness was asked if subsequent to their marriage they were married according to Mohammedan rites.

He replied that they went through a ceremony which he did not understand. The person who officiated was the Sheikh of Islam, a Mr. Quilliam, of Manchester.

Sir Ellis Hume-Williams—in his non-religious moments, did he keep a fish shop? (Laughter.) Witness—I don't know. I think he was a lawyer.

Counsel—That is worse still. Witness said that his wife was in the habit of screaming for hours at a time—almost for days. Referring to the scene outside his club, witness replied that it was a hot night in June and all the club windows were open. "Members," he said, "came to the window and I was overwhelmed with shame. I took my wife by the arm and forced her into a taxi. I only discovered afterwards that it was a taxi which was waiting for her."

The case was adjourned.

BRITISH HELICOPTER.

Trial of Wonder Machine.

Within the next few weeks the Brennan helicopter, built secretly in the old Gamma airship shed at South Farnborough, is scheduled to have its first open-air tests.

The craft is assembled for the experiments, but it has been decided to defer the tests until the most favourable weather obtains. It is not desired to take any risks with the helicopter, which has cost much money and is the outcome of many years of research and experiment, and it will not be flown in a high wind.

The successful evolution of this British helicopter (writes a *Daily Chronicle* aviation correspondent) is a great triumph for aeronautical science in this country.

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It is understood the air experts are highly satisfied with the helicopter.

Although nothing concerning the design of the machine

has been divulged, it is understood to include the gyroscope principle for stabilisation. In an international competition the Air Ministry offered £50,000 for the first helicopter fulfilling certain conditions which were believed to represent the capabilities of a practical machine.

Mr. Brennan was debarred from competing, and no entries have, as yet, been received.

Mr. Brennan, who is over 70, invented the Brennan torpedo, for which, in 1880, he received £110,000 from the British Government. He also invented the mono-rail. He was born at Castlebar, West Ireland.

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The Telegraph.

HONGKONG, 28th March, 1924.

STRICTER SEARCH.

If we are to judge by a telegram to hand yesterday, the Imperial authorities are of opinion that the best method of preventing the piracy from which this Colony has suffered of late is by stricter supervision of passengers at the port of departure. Mr. Ammon, the Parliamentary Secretary of the Admiralty, even goes so far as to state that this is "the only effective preventive." Whilst we cannot agree with that dictum, for, obviously, the closer scrutiny of passengers can have little effect in cases wherein the piracy is committed from the "outside," we are strongly of opinion that much can be done in this way to combat the evil. Other measures are, however, equally necessary, and we are inclined to agree with the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce when he recently asserted that success in this campaign is best to be obtained by a combination of many methods. It would seem, however, that the Home authorities are anxious to hear the views of the man on the spot in regard to the whole question of piracy prevention; hence the request by the Secretary of State that His Excellency the Governor should report to him on the subject.

In view of the fact that so many of our worst cases of piracy have been the handiwork of Chinese who have gone aboard steamers in the guise of passengers, it is clear that a more effective search of their persons and belongings, and, maybe cargo also, would achieve much in the direction of a removal of the evil. In saying so much, we are fully conscious of the fact that this is no easy matter, and, quite frankly, we cannot see that much more can be done so long as conditions remain as they are. This is why Mr. Sutherland's scheme, of which the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce approves in prin-

ciple, appeals to us as coming well within the sphere of practicality and usefulness. We feel convinced that something of the nature Mr. Sutherland suggests—an enclosed and protected area for all steamers trading with the Canton delta—will be found an absolute necessity if the smuggling of arms and ammunition aboard ships is to be prevented. The main idea of Mr. Sutherland's proposal (of which we give some details to-day) is that all river ships shall go alongside in this special area and that passengers shall only be able to gain access to the vessels through one gateway, whilst the arrangement of the area shall be such as to make it impossible for native craft to come alongside the steamers. Such a plan would, of necessity, involve a deal of expense, but in our opinion it is one to be commended because it touches the problem at a vital point. Based on common-sense as this scheme is, we entertain the hope that its possibilities will be fully explored and, if found feasible, eventually become part and parcel of the general scheme for preventing these piratical outrages which have all too long caused this Colony great anxiety.

The Chinese Debts.

It is no doubt difficult for the ordinary newspaper reader to follow all that is published, from time to time, about the indebtedness of China—to foreign Powers and to their nationals. There is news of attempts to raise further revenue to meet the creditor nations' demands, there is talk of financial chaos and of money being poured out like water in militaristic enterprises, and every now and again a still, small voice may be heard anxiously enquiring when certain loans are to be honoured, at least to the extent of interest due. This is the voice of the comparatively small investor, and in the general clamour only the bigger creditors seem to stand a chance of obtaining a hearing. What the small creditors must fear now is that not only will their protest be drowned in the noise of insistent demands, but that their very interests will be jeopardised by the big liquidation which might lie ahead. We had a Reuter cable yesterday which served to remind us that no interest has been paid to British holders of scrip in one of the Chinese loans since 1921. The investors must be getting weary of waiting for something to be done, yet it seems their own Government is impotent to have these claims attended to. Certainly, the British authorities have larger issues to worry them, and can hardly be blamed if they appear indifferent to the rights of smaller claimants. The risk is always that the Chinese credit-camel's back might suddenly break if threats and demands be piled on too lavishly; and that would mean the total loss, perhaps, of what a little further patience might eventually secure.

M. Raymond Poincare.

So after his somewhat theatrical resignation of the Premiership, M. Poincare has decided to resume. It is obvious now that the French Government was unable to find, at short notice, another man for this vital office; and we dare say the people of France, too, have become so used to M. Poincare that his absence would be a real loss. This famous French statesman has had a notable career, including a spell as the President of France (1913 to 1920) which covered the years of strife, during which the very independence of his country was seriously endangered. Not Raymond Poincare is too much an essential and national figure in France for one to imagine his entire retirement from active politics. His sixty-three years sit lightly on those broad shoulders, and his intellect is as great and unexhausted as ever. In the British Empire, as in the Mother Country, his return to power will be appreciated, for though his policy has not won full outside approval there have been signs lately that an amicable arrangement is in sight, and no one can accuse M. Poincare of not desiring a final settlement as ardently as anybody else.

DAY BY DAY.

GOSSIP IS A SORT OF SMOKE THAT COMES FROM THE DIRTY TORACCO-PIPES OF THOSE WHO DIFFUSE IT; IT PROVES NOTHING BUT THE BAD TASTE OF THE SMOKER.—George Eliot.

Two Chinese cases of small-pox were notified yesterday.

The master of a junk was fined \$5 at the Marine Court this morning for obstructing the Hongkong-Mongkok ferry wharf.

A snake five feet long, believed to be a cobra, was killed at Kellep Island on Wednesday afternoon by the police stationed there.

The dinner party to be given at the Hongkong Hotel to-morrow to mark the centenary of the Netherlands Trading Society will be attended only by the Dutch staff of the Bank.

As the result of being knocked down by a motor car owned by Wan Kau, at Main Street, Shauiwan, yesterday, a Chinese was removed to the Government Civil Hospital. Injuries were suffered on his face and right leg.

Madame Flint is being sued by the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co. for \$574.24 for goods supplied. At the Supreme Court this morning, Mr. Justice Gompertz decided that the case should be heard in Chambers to-morrow.

Mr. J. A. Rebsamen, a police wounded by an armed robber in Shanghai when trying to effect the man's arrest, has, in addition to hospital expenses and doctors' fees been recommended for compensation of Tls. 5,000 in cash, payable by the Municipal Council.

An application for the confiscation of 9,670 rounds of ammunition discovered on the M. M. Angker was granted by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Police Court this morning. His Worship also made a similar order in respect of another lot of 970 cartridges seized on the President Wilson.

Rooda Kahan, an Indian, who was discovered to possess no papers and passports, was given two months' hard labour, to be followed by deportation, by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Police Court this morning. The prisoner, who was living at Hungghom when arrested, pleaded that he came from Haiphong.

Mr. Harry Ore is to give a pianoforte recital on Monday, April 7th, when he will play items by Beethoven, Chopin, Bach, Grainger, etc. Mrs. R. Sanger is to contribute vocal numbers, whilst Professor Gonzales will play the violin. For the first time, Mr. Ore's sonata for piano and violin will be given.

Residents in the Shanghai French Concession in the vicinity of Route Doumer and of the roads near by in the Model Settlement, as well as pedestrians on some of the central highways, were recently surprised, to say the least, at a new form of vehicle, rubber-tyred with four wheels, but with motive power furnished by a coolie, riding astride what is a form of bicycle. Investigation by a pressman disclosed that it is a form of comfortable "pedi-cab" just placed on the streets by an enterprising syndicate.

With a name like "The Witching Hour" you would naturally expect this evening's Star Theatre feature attraction to touch upon the uncanny. This it does, without being in any way "creepy" either. Dramatic surprise is the keynote and the suspense is skillfully maintained until the great climax. Headed by Elliott Dexter, the cast has been very carefully chosen; while the screening is all that could have been desired, having been undertaken by William D. Taylor, the man who produced the famous "Huckleberry Finn" film.

THEOSOPHY AND EDUCATION.

A LOCAL LECTURE.

At the usual Wednesday public meeting of the Hongkong Lodge of the Theosophical Society, Mr. D. Gubbay lectured on "Theosophy and Education." He said in brief—

Education is co-extensive with life and is going all the time, whether it be the education of the child or the education of the adult, that of the youth or of the old man.—Education is parallel with life, because life is the drawing out of the unconscious divinity within to complete and perfect conscious self-expression. Thus education covers a wide field, and in the light of the theosophical teachings its one great aim is revealed. Theosophy teaches that children are old—old souls in a new body; these souls possess vast experiences and definite tendencies from their former lives on earth, and the souls being of different previous unfoldment, a nation should not follow indiscriminately one line of general development for all children. It should give them not only knowledge, but study their individuality, and develop them in accordance with their different innate qualities, gifts and particular tendencies towards good and evil, brought over from their past lives. Every child is a being which is limited and conditioned by that past which determines his response to impressions from without.

CHILDREN MUST BE STUDIED.

A child is not a plastic soul ductile in the hands of his elders, but a being to be studied, and understood before it can be effectively helped. Every child is born into just the surroundings best suited for the immediate needs of his particular stage of development. At birth the correct set of circumstances exists for the need of any particular soul, subject to the Laws of Karma, that never err. Education can train the child's character and help his development best by working in the direction, by consciously taking advantage of all the good seed in him, and by effectively counteracting the evil tendencies. Theosophy teaches that the physical body is the most material vehicle of the reincarnating Ego, and it therefore cannot be trained too soon for efficient service. It is well known to parents that the body requires clean and pure surroundings, with wholesome and pure food, which are vital to the growth and health of the body; fresh air is as important as food, and, therefore, if these few points are attended to by parents they will surely be a great help to the reincarnated ego in his evolutionary growth. The training of the senses is positively imperative in the first year of the life of a child. One of the best methods that supplies fully the necessary conditions for the training of the young child is the well-known Montessori System. In the consciousness of young children the Ego does not take complete possession of its lower bodies until about the seventh year. Individual training of the child is necessary to develop his innate powers and marked tendencies. We must therefore try to dive into his particular lines of past development and temperament, to give the child the necessary free scope to express itself for unstunted growth.

THREE TYPES OF CHILDREN.

Theosophy teaches that the present life of the child is subject to the Law of Karma; the causes and effects of its past lives. It distinguishes three main types of children, the devotional, intellectual and active type. Children of the devotional type can be effected chiefly through the affections. Love is pre-eminently necessary for their growth, but while they should be given plenty of love and affection, they must be restrained from grab and sentimentality. Those of the intellectual type readily respond to reason, and their continual questioning of why and wherefore should be answered because they want to know, and enquiry is for them the method of growth. With such children it is often to their benefit to put them in a position of leadership, and let them learn by helping to teach young children and stimulate their sympathies, for they are at times inclined to be egotistical and self-centred. Children of the active type require to be

FILIPINO STOWAWAYS.

ALL SENT TO GAOL.

Eight Filipinos, who stowed away on the President McKinley and were handed over to the Water Police on arrival of the steamer in Hongkong yesterday, were each given four weeks' hard labour when charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Police Court this morning.

Inspector Spear, who prosecuted, said that the Company wanted to deal with these defendants severely, as of late stowaways had given much trouble, and the Company had been lenient enough in letting four previous cases go without prosecution. It appeared that these Filipinos all wanted to go to San Francisco.

COMING APPEAL.

AGAINST POSSESSION JUDGMENT.

That an appeal had been lodged against his judgment in the case in which Lung Tsun, a merchant, sued the Him Sang Fat firm, of 41, Des Voeux Road West and 72, Connaught Road West, for the possession of the premises occupied by them, was disclosed by Mr. Justice Gompertz at the Supreme Court this morning.

Mr. W. B. Hind asked to withdraw two applications for possession of premises occupied by Man Fat and Ip Man, mentioning that the cases were covered by his judgment last week.

His Lordship then announced that an appeal had been lodged against that judgment, and the cases were thereupon adjourned sine die until after the hearing of the appeal.

constantly employed, for they can never be as happy and good as when they have plenty to do. Practical argument is best for these children, as they belong to the concrete type, and emotional talk has little effect upon them, while they are ready to see cause and effect on the physical plane. We should teach our children self-discipline rather than the discipline of external authority, for the latter relies entirely on the promise of reward and fear of punishment. No fear must enter the schoolroom or the nursery, for they are the fundamental causes of neurosis, crime and hatred. Theosophy tells us that no child can be hopelessly wicked. We usually find that the bad boy is suffering from thwarted wishes. To punish him is more than useless, for it is harmful, as touches the conscious mind. The cause of such delinquencies is mostly unconscious, therefore punishment releases the pent-up emotions. Education is founded on interest, and if a child is not interested in a subject it can learn only under a strain, and consequently it would be detrimentally affected if it is punished for it, and force makes it lose its self-reliance altogether.

THE CHILD AND RELIGION

Religion must be taught to the child in any form, but always in the recognition of the spirit of man as the Spirit of God. The child should never be taught fear in connection with God, for love and fear cannot grow together. The child should not be taught that formal prayers are in themselves religion, though they are good as discipline. Prayers are not a spontaneous outcome of religion. Children should be taught to thank the Creator for all His blessings so abundantly shed out on all who care for them. They should be taught to think of themselves as a golden link in God's wonderful chain of love, and that love and good thoughts and good desires only should flow through them to those around them. They should be taught that real prayer consists in joyous thought, brave words, noble desires and knightly deeds, and that only thus can they approach God.

The great thing necessary for the education of children is to be able to live and feel with them, and to love them as the ideal child, whose powers and qualities actually are innate in its real Self, and need only to be brought out. The only way of doing this is to educate ourselves through them, to discipline ourselves first. Know yourself and you will know your child. Understand your child as one whose life has no beginning nor end, and so only you shall unfold in him the presence of God.

PREMIER SPEAKS.

PRESSED TO REVEAL
STRIKE SOLUTION.

Negotiations Proceeding.

London March 27. Amid Labour cries of "Oh!" and Opposition cheers, Lord Curzon asked in the House of Commons whether the emergency committee of Ministers, whose establishment Mr. MacDonald foreshadowed yesterday, had made any proposals to mitigate the hardships resulting from the tram and bus strike in London; what the Government proposed to do to protect the public if the strike extended, as threatened, to other essential services; and whether the Government would fully protect those prepared to maintain these services.

Mr. MacDonald replied that the committee had formulated proposals which he hoped would be in the public interest. The rest of the question should be postponed, as he had arranged to see all the interests concerned to-night to negotiate a certain offer.—*Reuter*.

London, March 27. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald in the House of Commons announced the resumption of negotiations in the traffic dispute to-night, the conference later adjourning until tomorrow. He said he found both sides most desirous of effecting a settlement. The Premier bewailed the fact that since the beginning of the year a whole series of industrial disputes maturing for months, and even years, had come to a head. Government would do its best to meet the public convenience, while the dispute lasted, and in the event of its spreading his first step would be the issue of a proclamation of a state of emergency. Every hospital would be provided with facilities for bringing or taking away patients. The larger public services must be maintained and Government must protect those engaged in their legal occupations. He emphasised that Government would not act merely as a strike-breaking organisation.

Mr. MacDonald, after referring to various outside suggestions to cope with the strike, including flooding the streets with soldiers and commandeering the employers' property and material, declared that the only rule the Government would adopt was the rule of practical convenience. It was quiet, calm action that told in the end, and Government would do nothing to broaden or deepen the existing divisions.

Mr. Baldwin said he entirely approved of the Government's foresight in making this proclamation. He hoped that later on the Government and the House would consider what was possibly the most serious question the country had to face, namely how to get some kind of even temporary peace in industry, that would give the country a chance of recovering.

Mr. Lloyd George supported the suggestion as regards commandeering, if insufficient voluntary assistance be given. The Premier need not imagine this was an extreme proposal, from which any section of the House would shrink if it was necessary.—*Reuter*.

MACLAREN PROGRESSES.

Civita Vecchia, March 27. Squadron Leader MacLaren has arrived. He will resume his flight to Rome, to-morrow.—*Reuter*.

MUSIC FOR ALL.

SATURDAY'S PHILHARMONIC CONCERT.

Those who have not already booked their seats for the Philharmonic Society's concert on Saturday, should do so without further delay, as all the best seats are rapidly being taken up. An attractively printed programme giving all the words of the various items will be on sale beforehand if desired from the Anderson Music Company, where the booking plan is still on view. We understand that the concert is expected to finish at about 11.15 p.m., so there will be no danger of missing the last tram or ferry.

The members of the Philharmonic Society have been working hard, and will thoroughly deserve the success which they are anticipating as a result of their efforts to provide the Colony with high class and at the same time popular music, worthily rendered.

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MR. WEBSTER LEADS THE WAY.

A ship's crew, twenty strong, are plaintiffs in an action against their employers, the Yuen Hing S.S. Co. for \$1,000, in an action which is down for hearing at the Supreme Court.

Mr. R.E.A. Webster appeared this morning on behalf of the defendants and stated that he had only just been instructed and therefore knew very little about the case. If plaintiffs would come round to his office, he would see if a settlement could be arrived at.

This was communicated to the men and the Puisse Judge announced that they were going to follow him; otherwise, they might not find their way.—(Laughter).

HOW TO GET OUT OF DEBT.

Present a Bigger Counter Claim!

Riga, March 27. A message from Moscow says that in the course of his report on the international situation to the Congress of Russian Engineers, M. Zinovieff stated that Britain had presented to Russia a claim for 10,390 million gold roubles, excluding three milliards representing interest on loans since 1915. He added that Russia did not intend to make concessions in the matter, and she had presented a counter claim exceeding Britain's demands.—*Reuter*.

END OF "TREASON" TRIAL.

Munich, March 27.

After five weeks the trial of Ludendorff and Hitler has been concluded. The verdict will be given on April 1st. The accused had an ovation and were presented with flowers by the public as they left the court.—*Reuter*.

U. S. AIRMEN KILLED.

Crash Caused by Air Pocket.

Honolulu, March 27. Three U. S. army airmen were killed and one was injured when a Martin bomber crashed, after dropping into an air pocket and catching fire.—*Reuter*.

HOUSE POSSESSION CASE.

LEGAL AUTHORITIES QUOTED.

Yesterday afternoon the case was continued in which the owners of a row of houses in First Street sought to obtain possession of eleven of the houses. Mr. H. C. Macnamara was for plaintiffs and Mr. C. A. S. Russ for defendants. Further evidence was called, after which Mr. Russ addressed the Court.

Mr. Russ said Mr. Macnamara's points were two. The first was that a notice to quit at Common Law either monthly or weekly could terminate at any time, and further that this being more than a month it was a good notice in Common Law. The second point was that even if it was not a good notice at Common Law, the particular wording of the increase of Rents' Ordinance made it sufficient for the landlord to apply for possession after the Ordinance had been passed.

He would deal first with the question of whether the notice was good or bad. It was decided very early that in the case of a quarterly tenancy a quarter's notice was sufficient. That was in 1814 and the notice was terminable on the quarter day. But in the matter of monthly and weekly tenancies, it had never been definitely settled what length of time was necessary. Never had it been suggested or thought possible that any person should terminate a tenancy in the middle of the period. It had never been mentioned, and the reason he considered was because no one ever doubted it. In his wildest nightmares the judges of the middle 19th century never thought of it. It had always been taken for granted that these tenancies should not end in the middle of the period. If his Lordship was going to admit the notice terminating a tenancy in the middle of a period it would be just as logical to hold that it could terminate at a certain hour.

From 1864 onwards it was held by all text books that a monthly tenancy required some notice to quit, probably a month and he did not have the smallest doubt that it must relate to the month and was to end at the end of the month.

He went on to quote many cases over a long period of years, relying mainly on a recent judgment by Mr. Justice Lush in the Divisional Court.

His Honour adjourned the case provisionally to April 7th.

TOYS OR OFFERINGS?

'Children of Old Had No Playthings.'

How long have children's toys existed?

A theory that, at any rate in their specialised and elaborate forms, toys are a modern development was put forward by Mr. Edward Lovett in a lecture at Horniman's Museum the other day.

"There are no records that the children in ancient Greece or Rome ever played with toys," he said. "We have figures and drawings of these civilisations which show children playing at competitive games, but that is an entirely different thing."

"In the British Museum there are many small articles labelled 'possibly toy,' but, in my view, they are not toys at all, but thank-offerings to the gods made in the form of tiny figures of sheep, horses, and so on."

"I do not think children played with toys to any extent in old England. The oldest dolls, we have only go back as far as Queen Anne, and there are no records of them. I believe, at an earlier period."

"This does not mean, that mediaeval children did not play, but only that they played with natural objects which they found for themselves and invested with the qualities their own imaginations dictated."

"You will often see in a miner's cottage a diminutive pick, shovel, and hammer suspended over the mantelpiece. People who know nothing of the local ways may think they are toys but they are not."

"They are relics of the time when votive offerings to the household gods were hung on the walls of the home."

"I have no doubt that if such objects were put into the hands of a child, he would play with them. In fact, the origin of toys, as we know them, is probably that children got hold of objects intended as votive offerings and diverted them to their own play."

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CANTON NEWS.

INTERESTING ITEMS.

About fifteen commanders of gunboats of the River Defence Force have jointly petitioned Dr. Sun Yat-sen protesting against the appointment of Lam Yuek-si as Commissioner. It is stated that they have refused to assemble off Whampoa.

Tang Chak-yue, the newly-appointed Chief of the Opium Suppression Bureau, has, owing to the impossibility of preventing the military from importing and selling opium, refused to assume office.

The syndicate which has secured rights for the taxation of aerated waters has established itself on the Bund and will commence business on April 1st.

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This cabin is entered through a vestibule reminding one of an hotel on land. Then, on either side of the spacious passageway, lie a series of apartments extending towards the bow. Shower baths &c., lie on one hand, while on the other is such a kitchen as has never before been cooked in the air.

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As soon as her cabin furnishing is complete, the ZR3, which is 650ft. long, will be inflated with 2,500,000 cubic feet of hydrogen and, after a 23-hours' test flight in the neighbourhood of Friedrichshafen, will set out across the Atlantic for America, flying via Cape Finisterre and the Azores, to the south of the Bermudas, in order to avoid the gales of the more northerly route.

Then she will work up northward to Lakehurst, New Jersey, where she will be housed. This voyage is expected to last about four days.

GUARDED BY GHOST.

Sir Philip Sassoon's Discoveries.

With an enthusiasm born of experience with the late Lord Carnarvon and Mr. Howard Carter in the Valley of the Tombs, Sir Philip Sassoon has been engaged in a series of vast excavations on the Camelot Moat at Trent Park, New Barnet.

Here Dick Turpin used to hide, here Sir Walter Scott laid the scene of the murder of Dalgarno in the "Fortunes of Nigel," and around the spot have been woven endless fantastic and ghostly stories.

Success at last has crowned Sir Philip's efforts, and there have been brought to light the foundations of the original Manor House of Enfield that belonged in the early days to the Mandevilles, Earls of Essex, and the drawbridge with chains complete that spanned the moat.

GOLD-MOUNTED DAGGER.

The drawbridge is 38ft. long, 17ft. wide on the inner side, and 8ft. 6in. wide on the outer side, and the timbers, all of oak, are 1ft. square and in excellent preservation.

In addition to the foundations of the Manor House, and the drawbridge, there have been found many valuable relics, including a dagger mounted in gold, some Roman sandals, curious horseshoes, and many very old tiles on which appear the most quaint designs.

Mr. S. H. Widdicombe, the local historian, places the greatest value on the discovery, as it disposes for all time of the grave doubts that have existed as to the exact locality, character and proportions, of this vast ancient Manor House that sheltered many great historic figures, not the least important of whom was Geoffrey de Mandeville, one of the Earls of Essex, and Constable of the Tower of London about 1130.

He proved traitorous to both King Stephen and Queen Matilda, and on being attainted for high treason, fled to Trent Park, where he lay hidden for many months. One night, according to the legend he stumbled into a well in the corner of Camelot Moat and perished.

At the bottom of the well, so runs the story—a story which has been handed down in Barnet from generation to generation—lies a great chest of gold and precious stones, with the ghost of Geoffrey de Mandeville on guard.

It must be some satisfaction to Sir Philip to know that no ghost has been seen near the well for three years since he took over the estate.

One of the neighbouring houses was sold by the owner, a City magnate, in 1669, to pay his losses in the Fire of London. Another was occupied by a shining light at Court, who was sentenced to death after the Battle of Worcester in 1651, but who afterwards became an Ambassador, and successful at that, to the Court of Portugal.

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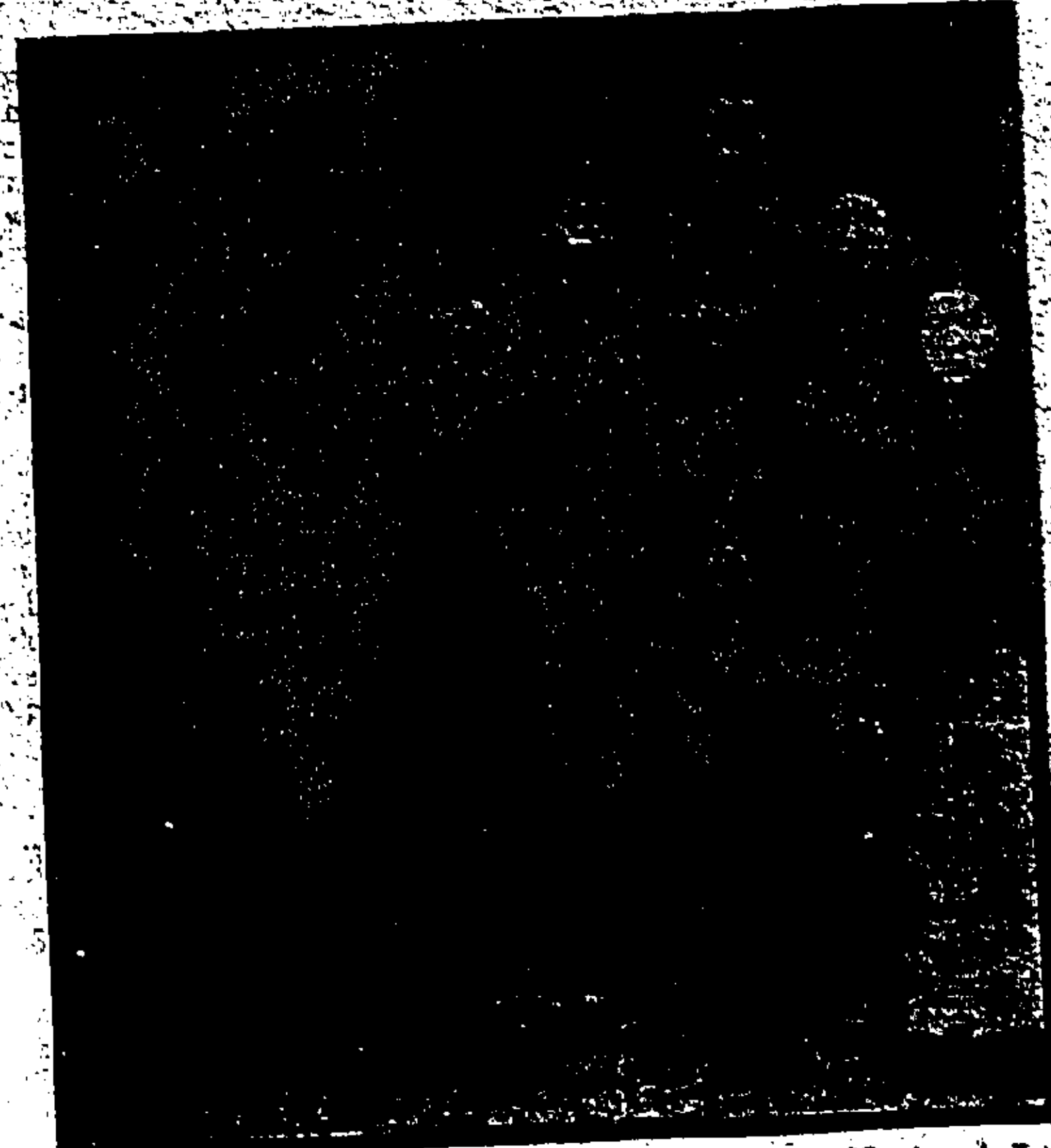
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CAMERA NEWS.



A group of survivors of the fire at the Ziang King Silk Mill in Chapei, Shanghai, when scores of women and girl workers there were burned to death. Chinese organizations have demanded a thorough investigation, and punishment of the parties responsible.



Our picture shows the Faculty of the new National Institute of Self-Government organized in September, and now temporarily housed at 88, Avenue Road, Shanghai, while waiting for the gathering of funds for the execution of plans for the erection of buildings for the training of China's youth at Woon-sung on a plot of 150 mow of land.



Branch of the Peking-Mukden Railway running through the great Hata-men Gate at Peking. The railway running out from Chien Men toward Tientsin has run straight through both side walls.



Mr. Henry P. Fletcher, who has been U. S. Ambassador to Belgium, will take over the post of Ambassador to Italy, succeeding Mr. Washburn Child.



Many wonderful specimens were in evidence at New York City's annual dog show. "Oak Wall Model" is the husky looking pup on the left. Governor Smith's "Jeff," a great Dane, shown upper right with Walter Smith, also entered, as did the friendly little pup shown in lower right. His name is Foster's Little Chiquito II.



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CHINA	7,952	19th Apr.	M'les, London & Antwerp
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JAPAN	6,032	29th Apr.	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta

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The giant aquarium at the Zoological Gardens, (Regent's Park), which has been under construction for some 12 months, will be opened to the public before Easter.

Neither pains nor money have been spared in carrying out the gigantic task involved in the erection and equipment. The situation occupied by the new building is beneath the familiar and picturesque Mappin Terraces, with its greatest length running parallel to the western aviaries.

It is somewhat remarkable that London hitherto has had no aquarium worthy of comparison with those possessed by Italy, Belgium, Holland and Germany—countries with far less wide spread maritime interests.

Because of this absence in the past of any such institution, the vast majority of the strange and wonderful fishes with which the innumerable tanks are now being stocked represent species practically unknown in this country to any but a very few specialists.

There are three principal sections in the aquarium, one of which will be devoted exclusively to fresh-water animals, another to marine creatures, and the third to denizens of tropical waters.

The last named section should prove especially attractive. In the depths of equatorial rivers and streams, as well as in the littoral parts of the seas, passing their lives amidst aquatic jungle of brightly hued-woods, are to be found hosts of little-known fishes, whose flashing scales and curiously-shaped fins display colours so brilliant as to surpass in beauty the plumage of even the most gorgeously-clad birds.

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The past year or two has marked a vigorous revival of interest in the keeping of tropical fish, and many observations bearing on the habits of these unfamiliar creatures have been made by amateur aquarists. The facts thus brought to light, particularly those relating to courtship and breeding, are intriguing in the extreme; they do, however,

